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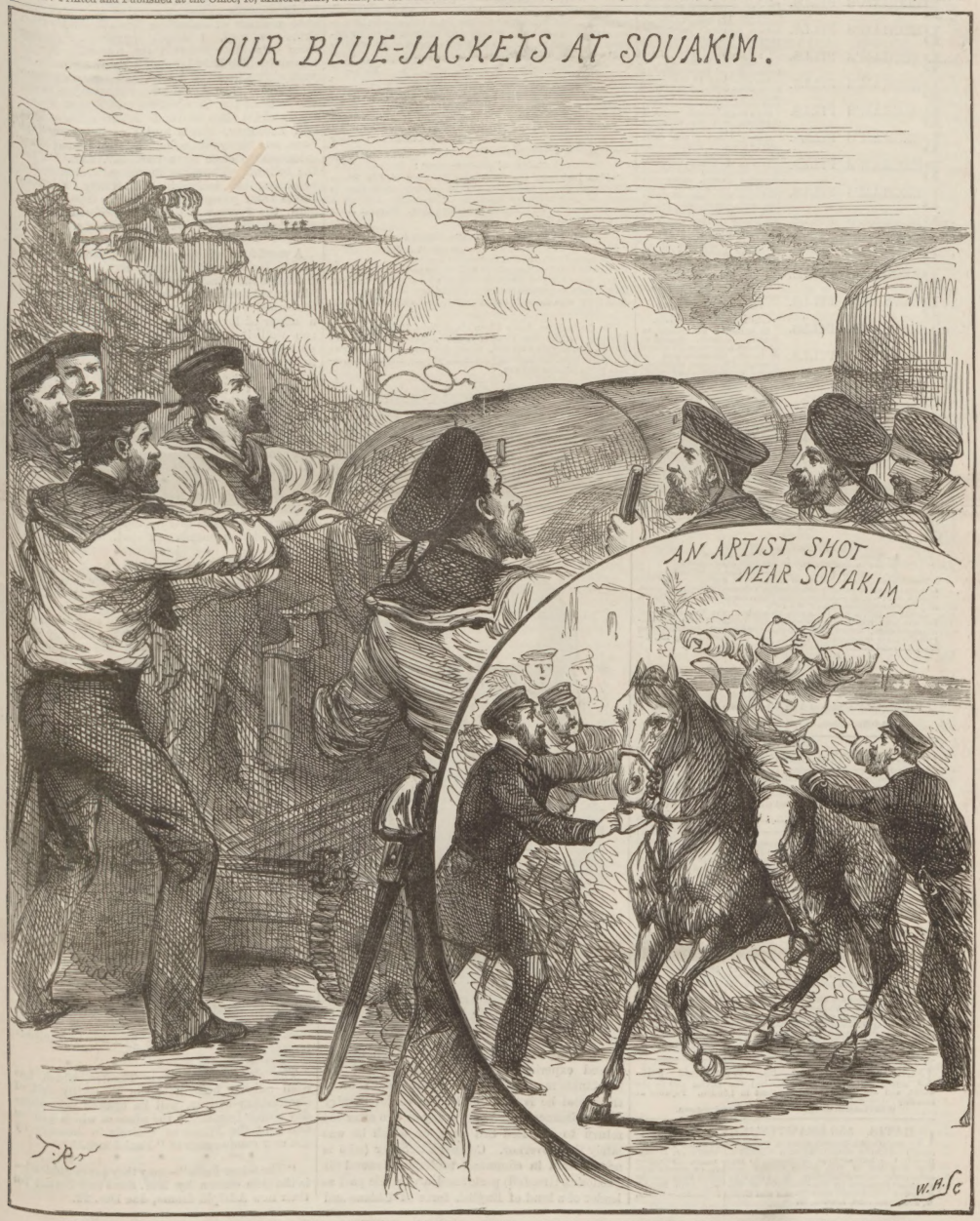

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OUR LONDON LETTER.

COLONEL KITCHENER,

the dashing British officer who has an unsurpassed experience of the Soudan and of the Soudanese method of warfare, promptly showed the metal he is made of by the useful cavalry reconnaissance he led only a day or two after his return to the Red Sea port, of which he was lately the Governor. Colonel Kitchener (who is now second in command to Major-General Sir Frederick Grenfell) performed a valuable part as leader of a kind of English force of Uhlans and advance-guard to Lord Wolseley's Nile Expedition, it will be remembered. Horatio Herbert Kitchener, C.M.G., began his military career in '71 in the Royal Engineers; won his spurs in the aforesaid Nile Expedition; was her Majesty's Commissioner for the delimitation of the Zanzibar territories in 1885; and joined what is diplomatically termed the Egyptian Army in 1886, since which he has been appointed Aide-de-Camp to the Queen.

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The Christmas Holidays will come as a boon and a blessing—not to journalists and printers, who are ever kept at the mill—but to many and many a busy bee, it is pleasant to think. I am glad to hear from Mr. Stacey, Secretary of the Early Closing Association, that a "considerable number of suburban firms" (and urban firms as well, I hope) purpose "closing from Christmas Eve till the following Friday morning. The East London drapery houses were yesterday canvassed by us, and many of them stated they should so close. On the other hand, the bulk of the City houses, and Messrs. Shoolbred and Co., Marshall and Snelgrove, Debenham and Freebody, Maple and Co., Hampton and Sons, and many others have informed us of their intention to close from Saturday, Dec. 22, till the following Thursday morning." A welcome breathing time, indeed! With timely Christmas Boxes from prospering employers into the bargain, the coming period of "goodwill towards men" should be a red-letter Christmas.

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A word for London art! £2 5s. is a good price to ask for a single volume, but not a bit too much for the handsomely bound and beautifully illustrated work, "Kensington: Picturesque and Historical," the writing of which must have been a labour of love to Mr. W. J. Loftie, F.S.A. I can well imagine residents in this delightful part of London being deeply attached to Kensington, and should fancy all Kensingtonians, from her Majesty, who was born in Kensington Palace, to the humblest millionaire living there, will richly prize this sumptuous book, so bountifully embellished with 300 charming drawings by Mr. William Luker, jun. Miss Thackeray would love it. "Kensington" is really a Fine-Art production which reflects the greatest credit on the Leadenhall press of MM. Field and Tuer.

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Best of Christmas Numbers, the bright *Illustrated London News* Annual went Out of Print the first week of publication, notwithstanding the almost fabulous number printed.

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Whilst Mr. Irving is with whole-hearted devotion preparing his doubtlessly transcendently beautiful revival of "Macbeth," and this acknowledged Chief of British Dramatic Art is probably devising new readings of the characters of Macbeth and Lady Macbeth in company with Miss Ellen Terry, I counsel the frequenters of the Lyceum to buy the *English Illustrated Magazine* for December, and read a seasonable article in that admirable publication. I refer to the interesting historical account of "Macbeth on the Stage," written by Mr. William Archer and Mr. Robert W. Lowe, and embellished with quite a gallery of "Macbeth" pictures—Zoffany's "Garrick and Mrs. Pritchard in 'Macbeth'"; "Garrick in 'Macbeth,'" by Dawes; "Mrs. Siddons as Lady Macbeth," after Harlowe; "Mr. Macklin as Macbeth"; "Henderson as Macbeth," after Romney; Edmund Kean and Macready as Macbeth, &c.

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The boxing "tournament" at her Majesty's Theatre is not to be compared with the excellent boxing competitions Mr. Frank Hinde organised last week at the Aquarium Theatre.

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The stirring patriotic drama of "The Armada," and the historic Armada Exhibition, cannot be viewed at Drury-Lane after this (Saturday) evening. All the resources of the National Theatre are required for the elaboration of Mr. Harris's grand Christmas pantomime.

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I am told that the Savage Club (whose annual dinner took place last Saturday) will possibly remove to more commodious premises in Adelphi-terrace.

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The elegant new Lyric Theatre, which has been quickly built near the Piccadilly end of Shaftesbury-avenue, will be opened next Monday with "Dorothy," the place of which will be taken at the Prince of Wales's in January by the new comic opera of "Paul Jones."

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"The Silver Falls"—may they prove golden!—is the title chosen by MM. Sims and Pettitt for their new Adelphi drama, due Dec. 22.

The boredom of this extra Session of Parliament was relieved on Tuesday night by one of London's grandest and saddest sights—a huge conflagration. Between ten and eleven, members hurried to the river terrace, therefrom to view the flames rushing from Doulton's Pottery Works, the fire at which wrought deplorable damage.

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Mr. Gladstone is to rally his followers on Saturday afternoon by a rousing speech in Limehouse Townhall. As Mr. John Morley takes the chair, I am not without hope that the Liberal Leader will extend his political horizon a little, and will, before he leaves us for pleasant Florence, say something that may lead to the brightening of some poor British homes, in accordance with Mr. Morley's earnest utterance on this momentous subject.

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Italian art-producers and manufacturers must have so greatly benefited by the London Italian Exhibition that Spain should grant a subvention and State encouragement to the grand Spanish Exhibition which is to be held next year at Earl's Court. The exhibits at the Barcelona Exhibition will, doubtless, form the nucleus of the Spanish Exhibition in London, the success of which is assured from the fact that the Duke of Wellington will be the President and Colonel John T. North, Vice-President. Let but that admirable architectural Artist, Mr. T. W. Cutler, who conjured up the Roman Colosseum for our behoof, have full scope, and the rich brilliancy and beautiful picturesqueness of sunny Spain will be amply realised at the Spanish Exhibition, to which Colonel North—"He's all right!"—has graciously accorded his influential support.

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I gladly print the following appeal from the public-spirited Countess of Aberdeen, whose letter echoes the note I sounded last week in a brief account of the Winter Toy Exhibition and Bazaar at Olympia:—

Sir,—The announcement that the Old Irish Market-place is to be kept open, at the Winter Exhibition at Olympia, has been hailed with delight by the cottage workers in all parts of Ireland; and within the last few days hundreds of parcels have been received containing beautifully-executed and cheap articles of all kinds, made chiefly in cottage homes. Kindly permit me to suggest to your readers that by visiting the Market-place and purchasing some of the cottage work for Christmas and New-Year's presents, or for charitable distribution, they will not only get good value, but encourage and materially help the industrious Irish peasantry and poor gentlewomen who are dependent upon the work of their hands for their daily bread. A careful selection of Irish work would be returned in exchange for a cheque for any amount.—I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

ISBEL ABERDEEN, President.

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Queen and Court.

Her Majesty has been receiving a succession of visitors at Windsor Castle. On Saturday last the Comte and Comtesse de Paris lunched with the Queen; and the Duke and Duchess of Westminster had the honour of dining with her Majesty and the Royal family. Sir Theodore Martin, K.C.B., arrived at the castle, and also had the honour of being invited.

The Queen and her Imperial Majesty the Empress Frederick, with the Royal family and the members of the Royal household, attended Divine service in the private chapel on Sunday morning. The Very Rev. the Dean of Windsor, assisted by the Rev. J. E. C. Welldon, M.A., Head Master of Harrow School, officiated. The Rev. J. E. C. Welldon preached.

Her Imperial Majesty the Empress Frederick, with Princess Margaret of Prussia, on Sunday visited Prince and Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein at Cumberland Lodge, and remained to luncheon. Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, with Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, dined with their Majesties and the Royal family on Sunday evening. Princess Beatrice, attended by the Hon. Lady Biddulph, left the castle on Monday morning for Buckingham Palace, there to join his Royal Highness Prince Henry of Battenberg, en route to Darmstadt, on account of the alarming illness of the Prince's father, Prince Alexander of Hesse. The Prince of Wales, Grand Prior of the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England, has presented to the Queen, the Head and Patron of the Order, the Badge of the Order, which her Majesty has been most graciously pleased to signify her intention of wearing.

Her Majesty the Queen and the Empress Frederick are expected to leave Windsor Castle about the 18th inst. for the Isle of Wight, where they will reside during the Christmas season. The Queen's gifts to the poor of the parishes of New Windsor, Holy Trinity, and Clewer will be distributed on New Year's Day. The beef is generally presented in the Royal Riding School at Windsor Castle, and the coals are sent to the homes of the recipients. Her Majesty also gives a considerable donation towards the Royal Clothing Club, which has been established many years.

Princess Christian proposes to commence her free dinners for the children of the Windsor poor early in the new year, and an appeal is being made in aid of her Royal Highness's charitable endeavours in this direction, and of her relief fund for the distribution of coals and blankets during the winter, also for the support of trained nurses, who are doing excellent service in the district.

THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, who had been visiting Mr. Tyssen-Amherst, at Didlington Hall, Norfolk, with Prince George, arrived at Marlborough House on Saturday evening.

The Prince of Wales, attended by the Hon. H. Tyrwhitt Wilson, visited the Smithfield Club Cattle Show, at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, on Monday.

The Princess of Wales, accompanied by Prince Albert Victor, Prince George, and Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maud, arrived at Marlborough House the same day from Sandringham. The Prince of Wales and their Royal Highnesses left for Windsor Castle on a visit to the Queen in the afternoon.

The Prince of Wales, accompanied by Prince Albert Victor and Prince George of Wales, inspected the Queen's farm stock at the Shaw Farm on Tuesday.

PRESIDENT HARRISON.

General Harrison, the newly-elected President of the United States, writing to a correspondent on the subject of the English origin of his family, says he is descended from Major-General Harrison, of Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, one of Cromwell's generals, who name is appended to the death warrant of Charles I. General Harrison visited Newcastle four years ago to obtain all particulars he could of his Puritan ancestors.

MR. GLADSTONE.

Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone on Saturday night visited the Royalty Theatre, Chester, and met with a cheering reception. The play was "The Taming of the Shrew."

Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone, with Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Rendel, are expected to leave Charing-cross for Naples on the 19th inst. They will travel viâ Basel and Lucerne, the first stoppage being made at the last-named place. They proceed direct to Naples. During the visit Mr. Gladstone will be the guest of Mr. Stuart Rendell, and arrangements have been made for the right hon. gentleman to visit various interesting places. The residence which has been taken for the party is the Villa Roccabella, at Posilipo, a short distance from Naples. This villa was formerly the property of Lady Strangford. Mr. Gladstone will not return to England before Parliament meets for the next Session.

A Look Round.

The Marquis of Lansdowne, the new Viceroy of India, last Saturday arrived at Calcutta, and received a cordial greeting. His Excellency assumed the Vicregal duties in place of Lord Dufferin on Monday.

Lord and Lady Cranborne have arrived at the Granville Hotel, St. Lawrence-on-Sea, Thanet.

His Excellency the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador and Countess Deym and family left on Saturday for Bournemouth, where they have taken a villa, The Knole, for the winter.

Sir F. Leighton distributed the prizes on Monday night to the students of the Royal Academy of Arts.

The Admiralty have ordered the Victoria—a silver model of which was recently presented to her Majesty as a Jubilee offering—to be commissioned next month as flag-ship of the Mediterranean squadron.

Lieutenant Wissmann has returned to Berlin from Friedrichsruhe, where he spent the greater part of three days with the Chancellor, conversing about African questions.

The Emperor of Germany has bestowed a silver medal, with the monograms of his father and grandfather, encircled with oak twigs and surmounted by the Imperial Crown, on all the Royal Princes and all those officers who belonged to their respective *Maisons Militaires*.

The Lord Mayor, who was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, and the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, presided last Saturday evening at the distribution of the shooting and drill prizes of the 3rd City of London Rifles, the strongest infantry corps in the City. After a statement by the commanding officer (Colonel Laurie, C.B., M.P.), the prizes were presented by the Lady Mayoress.

The four days' international sculling contest on the Brisbane river was concluded on Tuesday, the result being an easy victory for Searle. Beach did not compete in the final heat owing to the committee not disqualifying Searle and Matterson for fouling him on Friday last, on which day he won his heat.

Diet of Book-Worms.—Professor Robertson Smith, editor of the "Encyclopædia Britannica," marked the completion of that work, which has taken thirteen years to compile, by a banquet, which took place last Tuesday evening in the hall of Christ's College, Cambridge.

To Students.—To all those who burn the "Midnight Oil," engaged in mental labour, we would recommend Cadbury's Cocoa; its comforting, exhilarating, and sustaining powers are extraordinary. Beware of imitations.—[Advt.]

Tobacconists Commencing.—See "Ill. Guide," post-free. Tobacconists' Co., 11, Beech-street, London, E.C.—[Advt.]

THE CATTLE SHOW.

The prime-movers of the Smithfield Club opened their ninety-first annual Cattle Show on Monday last, the vast collection being admirably accommodated in the spacious Agricultural Hall at Islington. Our Artist was present when the Prince of Wales arrived, and sketched his Royal Highness inspecting the prize cattle like the good judge he is. The Prince arrived at the hall about twelve o'clock, attended by the Hon. H. Tyrwhitt Wilson, and was received by the Earl of Feversham, president for the year; the Earl of Coventry, president-elect; Mr. Robert Leeds, vice-president; and one or two of the directors of the Royal Agricultural Hall. Sir William Gordon-Cumming, Sir George Wombwell, and Colonel Kingscote joined the Royal party.

THE CHAMPION DEVON.

The Show, as a whole, is an extremely good one; the great feature of it, so far as cattle are concerned, being the excellence of the Devon and the cross-bred classes. The Devon steer which won the Champion Plate of a Hundred Guineas for Mr. John Wortley, of Frettenham, Norwich, is a beautiful animal. Shown at Norwich, three weeks ago, he won the first prize in his class; but was defeated in a contest for the championship by a cross-bred heifer belonging to Mr. J. J. Colman, as well as by one of the Queen's shorthorns. He was then sent on to Birmingham, where he was again given the first prize in his class, and the special prize for the best of his breed; but in the final contest for the Elkington Challenge Plate, he was passed over in favour of two or three others, including a black polled heifer and a Hereford, both of which were also brought on to Islington. Yet Mr. Wortley's steer was at Islington preferred to all four of these animals, and was declared to be the best of the whole Show.

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The whole of the Queen's entries are cattle, for her Majesty has given up showing the pigs for which the Prince Consort's Shaw Farm has long been famous; but the Prince of Wales sends sheep as well as cattle from Sandringham. He has four entries of the latter and five of the former, but he wins only two minor prizes. One of these is an extra prize in the Devon section. Her Majesty was also a prize-winner.

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The Earl of Coventry, as usual, showed some very good Herefords, but the best of this breed was Mr. Caddick's heifer, which was so near winning the Elkington Challenge Plate at Bingley Hall. The shorthorn classes filled well, there being sixty-three entries, as against only thirty-five Herefords, and among them was Mr. R. Wright's roan steer, which has been exhibited several times this season, winning the special prize at Bingley Hall for the best shorthorn. He did not meet at Birmingham Mr. Bruce's Scotch steer, which was on Monday awarded the cup for the best shorthorn at Islington.

The Scotch Polled classes suffered not a little by the abstention of Mr. Clement Stephenson and one or two other constant exhibitors; but, still, there were thirty-nine entries in the four classes, among them being Mr. Wilken's three-year-old heifer, which carried all before her at Birmingham. The four cross-bred classes contained no fewer than sixty entries, and the very last on the list was a heifer only twenty-one months, a cross between the Polled Aberdeen and the Shorthorn exhibited by Mr. Macgregor, a farmer in the North of Scotland. This heifer, though scaling only 13 cwt. 2 qrs. 4 lb., is, for her age, so perfect in shape, and so promising, that the judges placed her first against nineteen competitors, and, without hesitation, awarded her the Cup for the best of the cross-bred cattle. The Earl of Tankerville's cross-bred steer, with so much of the wild Chillingham blood in his veins, was exhibited among these cross-breds.

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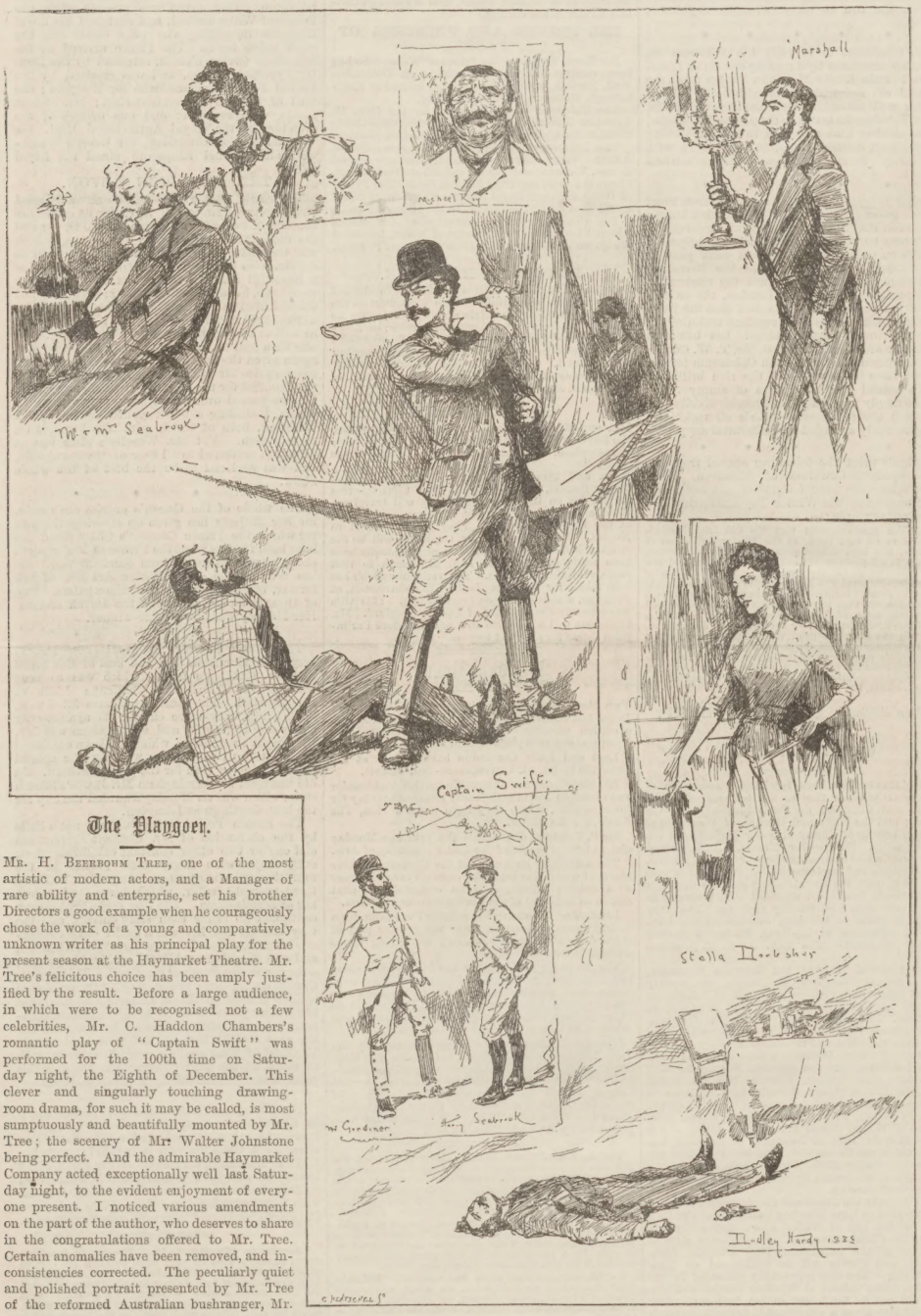
The Champion Plate for the best pen of sheep in the Show was awarded to the Shropshire breed which has not achieved a like distinction since Lord Chesham won it in 1877; while the Duke of Hamilton, whose pigs of the small black breed are among the agricultural wonders of Suffolk, has scored a very remarkable success with them, winning three first prizes and three Cups and Champion Plates with only three entries.

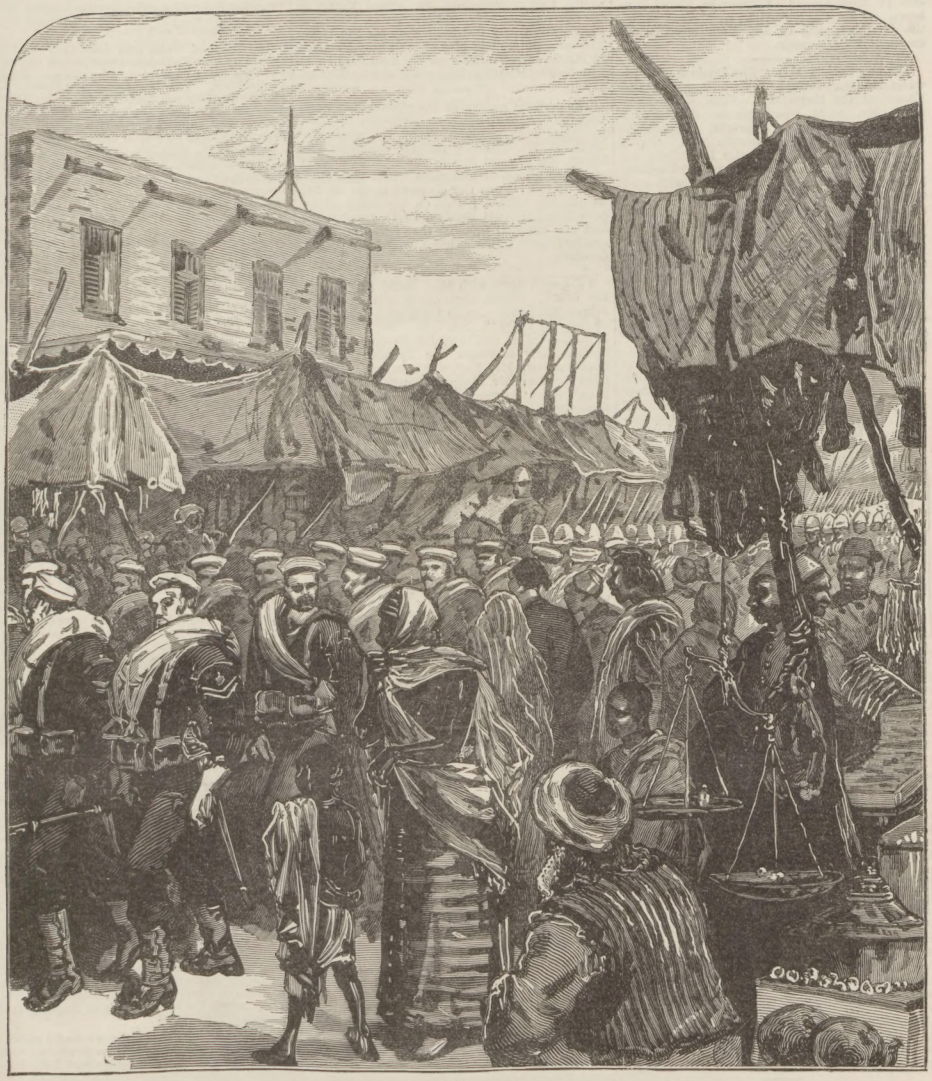
"Advice to Mothers."—Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup should always be used when children are cutting teeth. It relieves the little sufferer at once, it produces natural quiet sleep by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes "as bright as a button." It is perfectly harmless. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for dysentery and diarrhœa, whether arising from teething or other causes. Sold by all Chemists, at 1s. 1½d. per Bottle.—[Advt.]

MR. TREE'S GREAT SUCCESS AT THE HAYMARKET: THE MODERN DRAMA OF "CAPTAIN SWIFT."



The Playgoer.

Mr. H. Beerbohm Tree, one of the most artistic of modern actors, and a Manager of rare ability and enterprise, set his brother Directors a good example when he courageously chose the work of a young and comparatively unknown writer as his principal play for the present season at the Haymarket Theatre. Mr. Tree's felicitous choice has been amply justified by the result. Before a large audience, in which were to be recognised not a few celebrities, Mr. C. Haddon Chambers's romantic play of "Captain Swift" was performed for the 100th time on Saturday night, the Eighth of December. This clever and singularly touching drawing-room drama, for such it may be called, is most sumptuously and beautifully mounted by Mr. Tree; the scenery of Mr. Walter Johnstone being perfect. And the admirable Haymarket Company acted exceptionally well last Saturday night, to the evident enjoyment of everyone present. I noticed various amendments on the part of the author, who deserves to share in the congratulations offered to Mr. Tree. Certain anomalies have been removed, and inconsistencies corrected. The peculiarly quiet and polished portrait presented by Mr. Tree of the reformed Australian bushranger, Mr.



BRITISH BLUEJACKETS MARCHING THROUGH SOUAKIM TO MAN THE FORTS.

Wilding, is one of the most moving creations of modern times. It is the more effective from the fact that it is the embodiment of that art which conceals art—to quote the Haymarket motto—which it is ever Mr. Tree's aim to act up to. It might well be that were so remarkable a concatenation of circumstances (good phrase) to happen in real life, an actual Mr. Wilding would display a *leetle* less of the refinement and polish of manner than Mr. Tree does—it is probable that, through the veneer, would now and again be seen some of the rough and gnarled wood of the bush; eh? I fancy so. Still, Mr. Tree is guarded in manner throughout, self-contained, cool—save when (as in our Sketch) he, in a momentary gust of passion, fells the malignant Marshall, who is for ever probing his heart-wounds and threatening exposure. The studied self-command of this handsome young outcast of Society reaches the culminating and most affecting part when the lady of the house in which he seeks to begin a new life by marrying her fair ward Stella suddenly reveals her secret, and, her head bent in shame, avows that he is her illegitimate and forsaken son. It is impossible for many of the audience to restrain their emotion when, in this supremely trying moment, Wilding nobly surrenders the love that he fondly hoped would have regenerated him, and quits the glowing conservatory of Fernshawe for cold and bitter London, a lost and hunted man, pursued by the Australian detective on his track. He flies, pallid with want and hunger, to the rooms of Mr. Gardiner, the rich Queensland squatter, who befriends the refugee Captain Swift in his hour of need, and would aid his escape. His crowning act of sacrifice—suicide to save his mother and the girl he loves from exposure—brings to a tragic close one of the best-written and best-acted pieces London has seen for many a day.

"Captain Swift" (which is bound to run at the Haymarket for another hundred nights, at least) has also afforded Mr. Macklin the opportunity to come to the front rank in the very naturally-acted part of Mr. Gardiner, whose many word-fences with Wilding are of such value to the play. This is, to my mind, by far the best thing Mr. Macklin has done, inasmuch as it is the most natural. Mrs. Tree is throughout so charmingly girlish and unaffectedly simple as Stella Darbisher, the pure, good genius of the Bush-ranger, that it occurred to me she would make an exquisitely sympathetic and witching Marguerite. The impressiveness of Lady Monckton's Mrs. Seabrook is unimpaired. Miss Rose Leclercq's Lady Staunton is the cold-blooded woman of the world to the life. Mrs. Kemble remains sympathetically "dotty" as Mr. Seabrook; and Mr. Fuller Mellish is adequately impulsive as his son. The Marshall of Mr. Brookfield is one of that clever actor's best-

studied parts. A word of praise is but the due also of Miss Angela Cudmore as Mabel Scabrook; of Mr. Charles Allan as Michael Ryan, the detective; and of Mr. Hamilton Clarke's excellent *entr'acte* music.

The new Society skit, "The Duchess of Bayswater and Co.," forms a very amusing "curtain-lifter" at the Haymarket. With much ingenuity, Mr. A. M. Heathcote has dovetailed a little love-story into a bright, entertaining travestie of the new aristocratic "fad," that of going into trade. Mr. Charles Brookfield, the Duke of Bayswater, and the haughty Duchess, his mother (Miss Rose Leclercq) vie with each other in their eager pursuit of trade commissions, and so utterly disenchant a petulant old invalid, Sir Jeremy Jobs (Mr. Charles Allan), with the aristocracy that he gladly withdraws his opposition to his daughter's marriage with the son of a man who has made a fortune out of tinned meats; the latter two parts falling to the lot of Miss Cudmore and Mr. F. Harrison. "The Duchess of Bayswater and Co.," briskly and well acted by all I have mentioned, was quite deservedly applauded with warmth, as the humorous trifle elicited much laughter.

It may not be generally known that the King of Clowns, Harry Payne, has already commenced organising those rollicking rallies which are to set Old Drury roaring on Boxing Night. Apropos, I wonder whether the gay plumages to be seen in the "Zoo" aviaries suggested to Mr. Augustus Harris the "Ballet of Birds," which is to be the most brilliant feature of the Drury-Lane pantomime? Another novelty will be a moving wood for "The Babes" to lose themselves in. One's risible faculties are at once tickled by the fancy figures conjured up of Harry Nicholls and Herbert Campbell as "The Babes in the Wood."

Leading ballet-house in Europe, the Alhambra Theatre of Varieties presents our friends up for the Cattle Show this week with a pair of its grandest terpsichorean spectacles in "Antiope" and "Ideale" (to say nothing of Herbert Campbell's mirth-moving ditties, the "Beautiful Geraldine," and Mr. Harry Randall in the successful new "hit" of Geoffrey Thorn, "Who Killed Cock Warren?"). Mr. Charles Morton, most experienced of managers, informs me that the Christmas novelty is due early. It is called "Irene," this fresh fantastic ballet, and it is in four tableaux. Music by the always-melodious Jacobi; figures by Signor Casati. In addition to the usual *premières danseuses* and the captivating *corps de ballet* of the Alhambra, charmingly costumed by Alias from the designs of Crédat and Lavigerie, there will be a new choregraphic star: not inaptly named Signorina *Legnani*. "Irene" is announced for next Monday night. Meantime, the neighbouring Empire rejoices in a seductive and triumphant novelty in the lovely poetical ballet of "Diana"—a masterpiece of choregraphic and musical art.

Mr. Burnand's irresistibly droll and funny "Betsy" still fills the Criterion with laughter, and at a Criterion matinée on Friday week a vigorous attempt was made to secure another farcical triumph in the shape of "The Deputy Registrar," by Mr. Ralph Lumley and Mr. Horace Sedger. Many a big success has been built on a worse foundation. Indeed, considerable ingenuity was shown by the authors in contriving a succession of perplexing complications, which in a manner compelled the bibulous "Deputy Registrar" to mate two ladies to the wrong husbands, the result being one of the most confusing wedding breakfasts ever seen. In the end, the uncongenial knots are untied by the deputy's discovery that his license to marry had expired for some days. Carefully revised, and thoroughly amended as to its last act, "The Deputy Registrar," well acted in every part, might yet be a "go." Miss Annie Hughes as an artless schoolgirl bride was admirable; and Mr. Ashley as the Earl of Stokepole, Mr. Alfred Maltby as the Deputy-Registrar, and Mr. W. H. Denny as the fiery O'Brady did their best for the piece. The preceding little play of "Only a Dream," by Mr. Jocelyn Brandon, proved a poetical trifle, sustained by Miss Olga Nethersole and Mr. Marius.

The perilous nature of the play-critic's vocation, followed in draughty or overheated theatres, has been sadly exemplified by the premature death of Mr. Clifton's faithful colleague and friend, Mr. Richard Spicer, one of the brightest and most gentle of assiduous "first-nighters." "Au Revoir!" was the eloquent motto on the wreath Mr. Clifton placed on the coffin of his poor friend McNiell barely a twelvemonth ago; and one can well imagine that he would pay a similar tribute to his *alter ego*, who has left him desolate.

I sincerely agree with Miss Marie De Grey in the cordial tribute that clever and handsome actress (too rarely seen on the stage herself) paid on Monday night to Miss Kate Vaughan. This dainty, graceful, and bewitchingly-pretty comédienne fairly surprised one by her histrionic improvement. Miss Kate Vaughan, as the sorely-tried heroine of Mr. Campbell Clarke's adaptation from Dumas' "Love and Honour," displayed great dramatic "grip" at the new Grand Theatre, Islington, and roused the house to a genuine outburst of enthusiasm in her strong and moving scene in the second act. That she looked perfectly charming goes without saying. But it was a gratifying surprise to find Kate Vaughan rising to the height of every varying sentiment and passion. "Love and Honour" was also capably acted by Mr. H. J. Lethcourt as M. de Montaglin, by Mr. C. Fulton as M. Octave, by Mrs. Campbell Bradley as Madame Guichard, and by Miss Gracie Noble as Adrienne. The captivating grace and sparkling beauty and vivacity of Miss Kate Vaughan in the artistic and *chic* dancing-lesson monologue of "How It Happened," literally caused the house to rise at the gifted actress, and to vociferously encore the final valse—the poetry of motion realised. There should be a rush to the Grand to see and admire Kate Vaughan.

Chat of the London Gossips.

["WHAT THE *World* SAYS."

THE urbane and able Earl of Winchilsea and Nottingham is genially limned as this week's *World* "Celebrity at Home," the home being at Haverholme Priory, Sleaford:—

"There is a great deal in the delicate features, expressive countenance, and dark eyes of the present master of Haverholme to remind you both of Sir Christopher Hatton and the first Earl of Nottingham.... Lord Winchilsea can turn his hand to most things. His skill at cricket is still remembered; there was a time when he diligently followed both the Belvoir and the Blankney Hounds; he is able to play the organ creditably if the necessity arises; and he once astonished the Sleaford glazier by putting in the painted windows of the parish church. The popularity of Lord and Lady Winchilsea in Lincolnshire is unbounded; and it is the earnest hope of their many friends that they may yet be spared to see Kirby Hall restored to its pristine splendour, and to divide their time between Eastwell and Haverholme."

The memorial service in the Frogmore Mausoleum on Friday morning will be attended by the Queen, the Empress Frederick and her daughters, the Prince and Princess of Wales and their family.

The Queen leaves Windsor next Tuesday morning, accompanied by the Empress Frederick, the three Princesses of Prussia, and Princess Beatrice, for Osborne.

Lady Ampthill has gone to Windsor as Lady-in-Waiting to the Queen, in succession to Lady Churchill, the wife of Lady Ely, who has been staying at the castle on a visit to her Majesty, and who is going to Osborne for Christmas.

The Queen last week signified her approval of the appointment of Sir Anthony Hoskins to the command of the Mediterranean Squadron, in succession to the Duke of Edinburgh, who has intimated his intention of resigning in the spring. The Duke is not likely to accept another command in the English Navy, and he will probably find it expedient to pass the greater part of each year in Germany.

The Prince of Wales goes down next Sunday by special train to Wadhurst, where he will remain for two days as the guest of the Marquis and Marquise de Santurce. The Duchess of Manchester, Lady Mandeville, Lord and Lady De Grey, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sassoon are amongst those who have been invited to meet him. H.R.H. will shoot on both days during his stay in Sussex.

The Empress Frederick and her daughters came up from Windsor on Friday (last week) to pay their visit to the Throat Hospital in Golden-square. The Empress had promised that it should be her first visit, and made a condition that it was to be a private one; consequently only Sir Morell Mackenzie, Dr. Howell, and the staff actually going round the wards were present. The Empress inscribed her name in the visitors' book and went over the hospital, speaking kindly and sympathetically to some of the patients. She looked very pale and sad, and it was evident the visit was a great effort to her.

The meeting of the Empress Frederick and Sir Morell Mackenzie at the Throat Hospital on the Friday, was not, as has been generally supposed, the first which has taken place since her arrival in England. Sir Morell was summoned to Buckingham Palace some days ago, and there had a very prolonged interview with the Empress.

The Empress Frederick spoke feelingly of her affection for the Duke of Sparta, and the pleasure which the projected marriage afforded her. Princess Sophia quite won the hearts of all her hearers by the modest reply she made to Mr. Stephen Ralli's eloquent congratulations.

Lord Randolph Churchill leaves England for South America during the last week in January, and will not return till the middle of May. Under the friendly guidance of Colonel North, he will visit the principal towns of Chili and Peru, remaining some little time at Tarapaca, Iquique, and the other principal places in the realms of nitrate.

The new Governor of Queensland, Sir Henry Norman, is a general on the active list, representing the Bengal Staff Corps.

Mr. W. H. Smith and his family leave on Saturday for the Riviera, where they will remain until Parliament again meets.

["*Truth* TO TELL."]

The State portrait of the Queen, by Angeli, which was painted last year to commemorate the Jubilee, has been hung in the private apartments at Windsor Castle, at the top of the visitor's staircase. It is not nearly so successful a picture as Angeli's former portrait of her Majesty, which was painted about fifteen years ago.

The Duchess of Albany is to stay for the next two months at Arolsen with her father, the Prince of Waldeck-and-Pyrmont, whose health is in a very unsatisfactory state.

Prince Louis of Battenberg is to return from the Mediterranean next spring, and in the course of the year he will be appointed to one of the Royal yachts. Prince Louis will inherit the Schloss and estate of Heiligenberg, in the Bergstrasse, on the death of his father, Prince Alexander of Hesse, and ultimately a fortune of about £4000 a year.

The Grand Duke Paul of Russia, the youngest brother of the Czar, has announced his intention of presenting *dots* to a hundred young women at Athens, to celebrate his betrothal to the Princess Alexandra of Greece. It is understood that the wedding will take place towards the end of May at St. Petersburg, and the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh will probably represent the Royal family of England on this occasion.

The Grand Duke is building a splendid palace on an estate near Athens, which he purchased a few months ago, and he will in future pass half of each year in Greece, as the climate suits his health.

Sir Charles and Lady Dilke reached Karachi on Nov. 6, and met Sir Frederick Roberts. With the Commander-in-Chief, they went up at once, without changing carriages, to Quetta by the new broad-gauge high-level line, through the Bolan Pass, visiting Sir Charles Elliott, the Minister of Public Works, on the way.

Sir James Hannen intends to reside in Devonshire as much as possible in future, and he has just arranged to lease Holne Cott, near Ashburton, a pretty place on the verge of Dartmoor.

The Dean of St. Paul's has left town for Torquay, where he intends to pass the winter.

Mrs. Ernest Hart's exhibition of Irish embroideries, art-fabrics, lace, needlework, &c., at her house in Wimpole-street, affords most instructive evidence of the artistic and industrial capabilities of the Irish peasant. The show comprises almost every form of textile art, and among the latest novelties are reproductions of Cretan, Italian, and Japanese embroideries.

"CLEANING SILVER."—All difficulty in keeping silver, electro-plate, &c., untarnished and with a brilliant polish, may be obviated by using GODDARD'S NON-MERCURIAL PLATE-POWDER. Sold everywhere, in Boxes, 1s., 2s. 6d., and 4s. 6d. Five gold medals awarded.—[ADVT.]

RAILWAY SERVANTS.—Signalmen, Engine-Drivers, Porters, and others, who have frequently long intervals of work between meals, should drink CADBURY'S COCOA, a sustaining beverage, agreeable and comforting, during long spells of work. Beware of imitations.—[ADVT.]

OUR SOUAKIM TROUBLE.

The Soudan legacy of trouble and embarrassment which the present Government inherited from their predecessors in office has been sadly recalled to mind by fresh bloodshed, alas!

BLUEJACKETS IN THE FORTS.

When we last had occasion to refer to the position of affairs at Souakim, it will be remembered that it was to pay a richly-merited compliment to Sir John Pender, K.C.M.G., for the public service he had rendered (not the first by a long score) by directing the electric-light of the Electric Telegraph Cableship named after him to be thrown upon the enemy besieging the Red Sea port. It was plainly intimated then that the Government would probably have either to forsake Souakim or to repel the enemy with vigour. But nothing effective was done till last week. An increased number of "rebels" in the trenches kept up a brisk fire, on the Friday afternoon, on the Bluejackets whilst they were getting a 64-pounder into position in the Shater forts; but there were no casualties. They also made a raid on the cattle feeding outside the walls, and carried off several camels.

AN ARTIST SHOT DEAD.

We regret to say that on the Friday morning Mr. Richard Wake, an English artist in connection with the *Graphic*, died from wounds received. He had ridden out to the Shater forts to sketch a blockhouse. Whilst chatting to the naval officers a bullet struck him on the left side of the neck, penetrating the spinal column. He was transported by Bluejackets to the house of the *Times'* correspondent, where Surgeon-Major Hayes and four other doctors held a consultation. They could do nothing to save him, as paralysis of the upper limbs was setting in. He was buried in the European cemetery on the Friday afternoon. General Grenfell attended as chief mourner, the Governor's staff and all the correspondents being present.

An Egyptian was killed at the same time by a shell which fell near the town gate without exploding.

THE NEW ENGLISH COMMANDER.

The Egyptian coastguard steamer Nur-el-Bahr arrived on Dec. 7 from Suez with General Grenfell, Colonel Kitchener, Major Settle, Surgeon-Major Rogers, Lieut.-Colonel Rhodes (the military secretary to General Dormer), and Lieutenant Middlemas (Inspector-General of the Coastguard) on board. The Mansourah also arrived with two companies of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, under Major Dixon, and with drafts for the Egyptian army.

COLONEL KITCHENER'S CAVALRY RECONNAISSANCE.

Colonels Kitchener Pasha and Barrow on Saturday last made a reconnaissance, with the Egyptian cavalry, of the enemy's position, and succeeded in getting round to the right rear of the Arab trenches. The enemy's horsemen then charged, and the Egyptians retired under cover of the fire of the forts. They lost one killed and two wounded. The enemy's loss is unknown. The sailors of the ships of war, under the direction of Captains May and Paget, have mounted a sixty-four pounder gun on a bank near the left of the water fort.

MORE REINFORCEMENTS.

On Saturday the Damanhour arrived at Souakim with the head-quarters of the Scottish Borderers, and yesterday the Shibeen returned from Kosseir, bringing down the 9th Soudanese Battalion under Kempster Bey, and three English officers. This regiment is considered to be the finest in the Egyptian army, and has several times greatly distinguished itself. It was presented with colours by the officers and men of the 79th Regiment as a token of their admiration for the gallantry it displayed at the engagement of Ginnis. The battalion performed the march from Korusko to Kosseir in five days and a half, a great performance.

PEPPERING THE ENEMY.

The British Commander on Monday began offensive operations with energy, a heavy artillery fire being opened by all the forts upon the enemy's redoubts. The practice was excellent, and the whole of the enemy's works soon showed evidence of the effects of the concentrated fire kept up upon them, the redoubt on the right, which was specially exposed to the fire of the sixty-four pounder mounted by the sailors on Saturday, being very greatly damaged.

A large number of officers and men, and many of the inhabitants of the town, assembled to watch the effects of the fire, and the Arab population appeared greatly impressed with the weight and power of the big gun. On Monday afternoon the rebels, as if to show that they were in no way dispirited by the results of the bombardment of their works, fired several shots from the redoubt on their left. One of them fell in Fort Gamaza, and slightly wounded a soldier.

OSMAN DIGNA AT HANDOUB.

General Grenfell telegraphed to Cairo on Monday that deserters from Handoub state that Osman Digna is there, with 2000 men, who will march to defend the trenches when they are attacked. It is presumed that General Grenfell asked for more troops; otherwise (says a Cairo correspondent) it seems inadvisable to delay the attack until the arrival of Osman Digna, thus giving the rebels time to obtain reinforcements.

A FIRE-BRIGADE HERO.

London has, fortunately, many heroes of the type of the gallant Engineer whose prowess and reward are depicted on one of our centre pages. Captain Shaw presided on Monday at a meeting at the Metropolitan Fire-Brigade Station, Scotland-yard, when a gold watch and chain and a purse of sovereigns were presented to Engineer Aslin, recently in charge of the station. Mr. Hutchings, superintendent of the district, was also present. The testimonial, which had been subscribed to by the officers and men of the brigade, bears a suitable inscription. Mr. Aslin joined the London fire establishment on July 21, 1863, and in the course of his duties he has had many hair-breadth escapes, the last being on March 10 last, when he met with such injuries by a falling wall in Parker-street, Drury-lane, as to incapacitate him from further work. He was presented with the good-conduct medal by the Duke of Cambridge, and was placed on full pension on Nov. 17.

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The Gold and Silver Presentation Service to Colonel J. T. North, the "Nitrate King," has been exhibited at Elkington's Galleries, Regent-street, daily during the Cattle Show week.

The Secret of Success!—"A new invention is brought before the public, and commands success. A score of abominable imitations are immediately introduced by the unscrupulous, who, in copying the original closely enough to deceive the public, and yet not so exactly as to infringe upon legal rights, exercise an ingenuity that, employed in an original channel, could not fail to secure reputation and profit."—Adams. Caution.—Examine each Bottle, and see that the Capsule is marked Eno's "Fruit Salt." Without it you have been imposed on by worthless imitations. Sold by all Chemists. Prepared only at Eno's "Fruit Salt" Works, London, S.E., by J. C. Eno's patent.—[Advt.]

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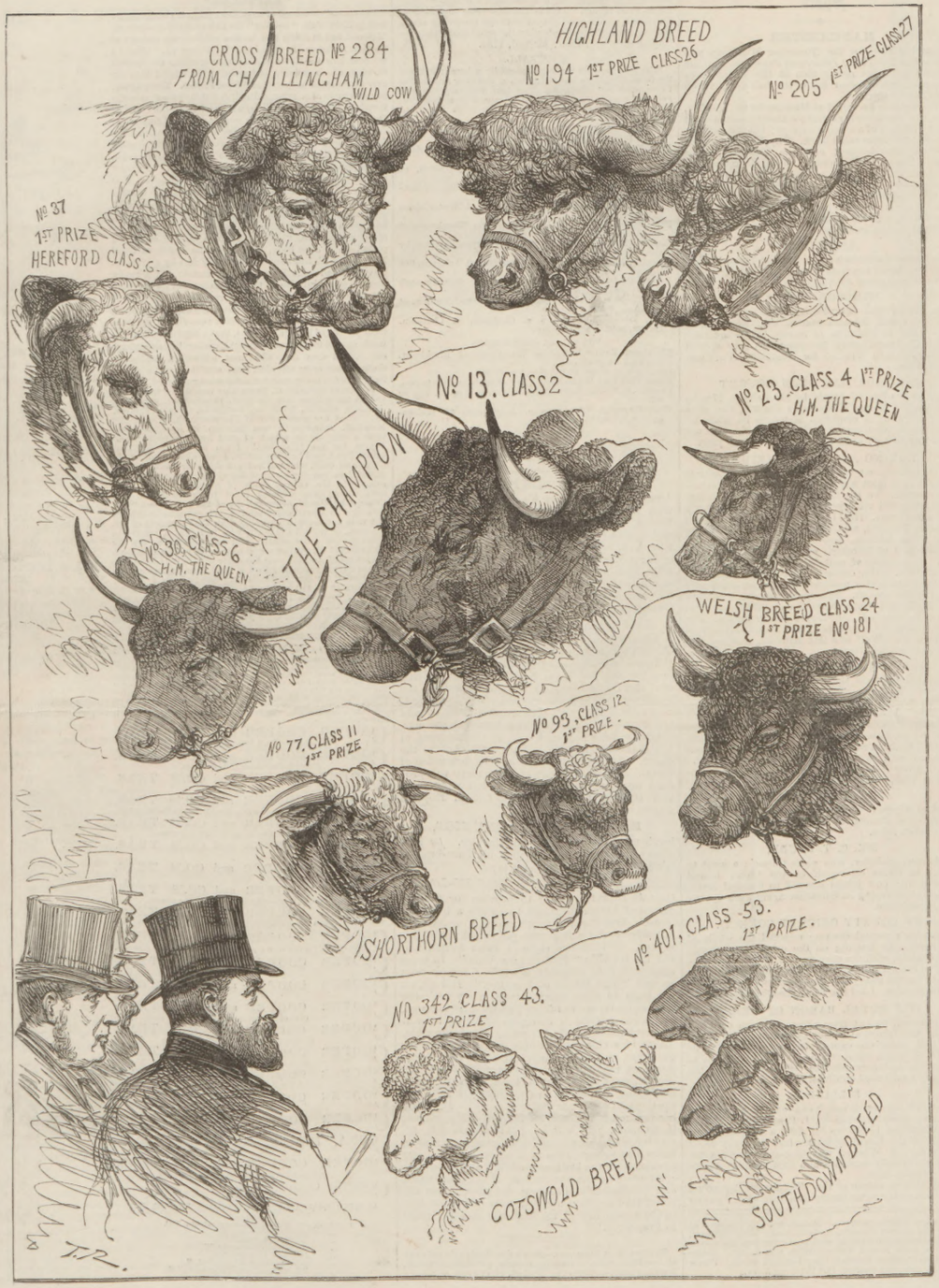

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Sport.

MANCHESTER

(whose big race for the November Handicap was depicted in *The Penny Illustrated Paper*) took up the running again for racing men at the beginning of the week; and Windsor keeps the ball a-rolling on Friday and Saturday.

Fine weather prevailed at Manchester on Tuesday, when the December Steeplechase Meeting commenced in the presence of a small company; but it cannot be said that the sport ruled brisk. Why Not secured the Hunters' Steeplechase, and the Tuesday Selling Hurdle Race fell to Calpurnia. Lord George proved the best of the four runners for the Qualifying Steeplechase. Et Cætera, the Hungarian mare, beat her six opponents for the Manchester Steeplechase in a common canter, but she was subsequently objected to, and the matter referred to the Grand National Hunt Committee.

LICHFIELD

gave lovers of the leash good sport on Tuesday; but thick fog caused the Kempton Park Coursing Meeting to be postponed for a day.

WINDSOR RACES.

On Friday and Saturday a special fast train will leave the Great Western station at Paddington at 11.25 a.m., in addition, of course, to the ordinary services. Immediately the races are over special trains will leave Windsor for Westbourne Park and Paddington.

ORMONDE HAS BEEN BOUGHT

to go to the United States by Mr. John A. Morris, of Throgg's Neck, Westchester County, the price being £17,000. A condition stated to be made by the Duke of Westminster is that the horse shall not leave this country until the end of June next year.

BOXING AT THE AQUARIUM.

The tournament at the Aquarium Theatre was brought to a most successful conclusion last Saturday evening. In the 9st. 6lb. competition Harry Denny wrested victory from Bill Whateley, after a very close tussle. The 11st. bout between Alec Burns and Jem Burchell, which had been looked forward to with great interest, was spoilt through the disqualification of Burchell, who threw his man when just over a couple of minutes had been got through. In the 8st. 10lb. contest, Fred Johnson and Bill Baxter were evenly matched, the former eventually winning the verdict. The spars between Pritchard and Burke and Nunc Wallace and Bill Goode were also well contested. Bill Goode won the latter. The last event in the tournament, the catch-weight bout between Toff Wall and Alf Mitchell, resulted in a very easy win for the former.

HER MAJESTY'S OPERA-HOUSE,

under the auspices of Mr. A. E. Wells, of the sprightly Pelican Club, has this week been the scene of another Boxing Tournament of an attractive nature. Valuable prizes are offered for both amateur and professional talent, the former consisting of silver cups and the latter of the more portable and useful commodity, hard cash. Besides this, the programme is varied with gymnastic exercises, wrestling, &c.; and nightly Jem Smith, the Champion, and his brother Tom, box three rounds.

DR. W. G. GRACE

acted as referee in the football match Gloucestershire v. Wiltshire, decided at Bristol on Saturday under Association rules.

MR. C. T. STUDD,

the famous cricketer, who some time since went to labour in China on behalf of the China Inland Mission, has now joined himself to General Booth to assist in carrying on Salvation Army work among the people there.

THE COUNTY CRICKET COUNCIL

at Monday's annual meeting rejected the whole of the resolutions bearing on the question of county qualification, with the exception of the second proposal of Sussex, allowing a player to represent one county for the two years he is residentially qualifying for another. Lord Harris was re-elected president.

THE ROYAL BARON OF BEEF

this year will be cut from a fine shorthorn bred and fed by the Queen at Prince Consort's Shaw Farm, Windsor, under the care of the Royal bailiff. The joint will weigh about 300 lb. It will be roasted at the castle, and forwarded to Osborne to grace her Majesty's sideboard on Christmas Day.

BILLIARDS.

The first important match of the present season for a money stake between W. J. Peall and F. White, who contested 10,000 up for £200 a side, was concluded at the Royal Aquarium last Saturday night in favour of White: the spot-stroke champion having originally conceded him 2000 points. White won by 319 points.

The billiard-saloon of the Westminster Aquarium was on Monday again pretty well attended. Taylor and M'Neil started on a spot-barred match of 9000 up on even terms. This is the first time that M'Neil has met a really good player without receiving start. At the close of Monday's play the score stood thus:—Taylor (in play), 1500; M'Neil, 1134.

FOOTBALL.

Miserable weather was experienced by a large portion of the football-players last Saturday, a drizzling rain falling throughout the afternoon. The turf was very slippery, and the results of many contests caused much surprise. The following are the returns of the most important fixtures:—

FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CHALLENGE CUP.

Fourth Round—Qualifying Competition.

First Division—Sunderland Albion a bye. Sunderland scratched.
Second Division—South Shore beat Higher Walton, at Blackpool, five to nil.
Third Division—Linfield Athletics v. Cliftonville, on last-named ground, drawn, three to three.
Fourth Division—Wrexham beat Chester, at Chester, three to two.
Fifth Division—Small Heath beat Burton Wanderers, at Small Heath, nine to nil.
Sixth Division—Notts County beat Staveley, at Staveley, by three to one.
Seventh Division.—Heeley beat Owlerton, at Owlerton, five to one.
Eighth Division.—Grimsby Town a bye. Gainsborough Trinity scratched.
Ninth Division.—Old Brightonians beat Great Marlow, at Brighton, five to two.
Tenth Division.—Crusaders v. Chatham, at Chatham. Drawn, neither side scoring.

THE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Blackburn Rovers v. Bolton Wanderers, at Blackburn. Drawn, four goals each.
Burnley beat Stoke, at Burnley, two to one.
Aston Villa beat Notts County, at Nottingham, four to two.
Preston North-End beat Derby County, at Preston, five to nil.
Wolverhampton Wanderers v. Accrington, at Wolverhampton, four to nil.

Round the World.

A GALLANT ADMIRAL'S SLIP.

ADMIRAL SIR GEORGE TRYON, K.C.B., staying with his brother-in-law, Lord Willoughby de Eresby, at Grimsthorpe Castle, Lincolnshire, met with a serious accident on Saturday afternoon last. Sir George was descending by way of the staircase from an old part of the castle when he slipped and fell down the stairs, breaking his left arm and otherwise injuring himself. The arm has been set by a local surgeon, and Sir George is progressing favourably.

HAYTI! TIGHTY!

Yankee Doodle's dander is "riz." Wired the *Times'* Philadelphia Correspondent last Sunday:—"Three war-ships—the Richmond, Galena, and Yantic—will leave New York for Hayti in a few days. Admiral Luce, commanding the squadron, will join his flag-ship, the Richmond, at Fortress Monroe. The Admiral will demand the surrender of the captured American steamer, Haytian Republic, and, if the Government of Hayti decline to give her up, will capture the vessel. An indemnity will also be demanded of Hayti. The fitting out of these ships will produce much activity in the Brooklyn navy-yard, and stirring times are expected in Haytian waters."

M. CLUSERET, COMMUNIST,

has been elected a Deputy for the Var. *La Belle France* would do well to taboo all hare-brained revolutionists of the Cluseret type.

GEN. BOULANGER'S SON-IN-LAW,

Captain Driant, in order to provide for the expenses of his wedding and to create a home for himself, last summer wrote rather a sensational military work, which was published early this winter. It is in the style of Jules Verne, and has for its title "The Future War." In some respects it is as palpably a work of imagination as was "The Battle of Dorking." His object has been to show what a "hot reception" the next army trying to invade France might expect, and what science is doing in order to blow it to pieces, and, finally, to make war impossible. There is a rule against officers writing to or for the press, and M. de Freycinet holds that, inasmuch as the book in question was sent to the newspapers to be reviewed, it might be regarded as coming within this rule, and that therefore the Captain had been guilty of disobedience. He has ordered him to remain for a month a prisoner in his room. He will be able to see his wife, his servant, and the sentinel who guards his door, but nobody else: This is a sharp trial, coming so soon after the brilliant wedding and before the completion of the honeymoon of Captain Driant and Boulanger's charming daughter. But the act of De Freycinet will but draw more attention to the son-in-law of the best-advertised General in France.

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"EXPELLED."

"EXPELLED" is a word of very great import. Caleb, we are told in Holy Writ, "*expelled*" the three sons of Anak from Hebron: and in doing this he was ridding the country of noisome monsters. In Shakspeare's "Henry VI." (Part I.) we read how the Duke d'Alençon, regarding the English invaders of his country as hateful evils, wished that for ever they should be "*expelled*" from France. Then, again, the governors of a famous English public school recently found, to their cost, when they were ordered by the Court of Queen's Bench to expunge the word "*expelled*" from their Register, in which it had been appended to the name of a former pupil. The expelling, however, of unwholesome elements is, itself, a good thing, but in the case referred to the governors were mulcted, because they had "*expell-ed*" a lad who was proved not to have deserved that penalty. I could not but think of these facts when I discovered the other day, by chance, that the eminent pharmaceutical establishment of Dr. Richter and Co. had given to a medicine of their own invention the significant name of "*Expeller*." In a railway carriage I picked up a little book, entitled "The Guide to Good Health," which had been inadvertently left by a previous traveller; and in it I read of this remedy. If it really deserves its appellation, I thought to myself, its inventor is to be congratulated on both the remedy and its name—"Dr. Richter's Expeller." The book beguiled my journey considerably, and it contained such remarkable evidence from persons of known positions, that I kept it, and afterwards gave it to a friend. The "Expeller" is an embrocation, and does not, like most advertised medicines, claim to cure every disorder, from scarlet fever to broken legs; but the many grateful acknowledgments of respectable persons cured by it, prove this remedy beyond doubt to be a marvellous cure for gout, rheumatism, neuralgia, lumbago, sciatica, headache, toothache, all colds, sprains, &c. Thus the postmaster of Maryborough, Mr. George Marshall, states:—"I was laid up in December last with a very severe attack of gout for four weeks when I sent for the 'Expeller.' I am happy to say that before I had used half the bottle, I was able to put on my boots and walk, which I had not done for weeks. I feel grateful to you (under Providence) for supplying such a remedy." Mr. George Keen, of Smethwick, had tried nearly everything without relief for rheumatism, and thought he should never get rid of the pain, when "Dr. Richter's Expeller" cured him. This is remarkable indeed, but it is not more remarkable than the statement of Mr. Pleasant, of Sutton Coldfield, who had been a martyr to neuralgia for some months, and was induced to try the "Expeller." He writes:—"I may say I received instantaneous relief, and the pain has quite left me." I hope that I have done my invalid friend a good turn in sending him the book." "Dr. Richter's Expeller" is sold by all Chemists at 1s. 1½d. and 2s. 9d., or sent post-free at 1s. 3d. and 3s., from the London Depôt, 65, Fenchurch-street, London, E.C., from where Dr. Richter's "Guide to Good Health" will also be sent post-free to anyone applying for it.—[ADVT.]

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MR. F. C. BURNAND IN PRAISE OF RAMSGATE AS A WINTER RESORT.

It is natural that Mr. F. C. Burnand, the popular Dramatist and the Editor of *Punch*, should feel grateful to Ramsgate and the Isle of Thanet, for this accomplished writer has quite recovered his health in this salubrious corner of Kent. Thus does Mr. Burnand cheerily pay characteristic tribute to the favourite Watering Place which has done him and his family so much good:—

"Some folk like to talk about 'going out of England for the winter.' These can be accommodated at Ramsgate, which, being in the Isle of Thanet, may be spoken of as not in England any more than are the Isle of Wight, the Isle of Man, or the Scilly Islands. And it has one great advantage over these islands, that you can get to it from London without any chance of an unpleasant sea-passage. The River Stour kindly makes Ramsgate an island, and the new Local Government Bill has given Thanet as much Home Rule as it wants for the present.

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"Real Ramsgate weather—which means a glorious morning with a west wind or a south-west, or even a mild east wind with a little north in it—from which shelter is easily attainable—or a south wind with a delicate touch of east, just to remind us that we are only mortal, commences in September, and, with an interval of uncertainty about February and March, lasts right up to the middle of May; and of all the months, October, November, December, January, and April, are the best.

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"Rain is not frequent at Ramsgate: this corner of Thanet escapes it, to a great extent. When it does rain, it makes up for former parsimony, and comes down handsomely. Directly the rain is over the promenades are dry, and, if still 'spitting,' you can put on any old waterproof and walk dryshod on East or West Cliff. The air is so pure that, in the rain, you will get your 'whet' for your appetite before dinner. Now and again there is a very heavy fall of snow, when the aspect of the piers and harbour is most picturesque, and the air is crisp and bracing. In the town the snow-cleaners are at work within an hour of the cessation of the snowfall, and the traffic in the streets is never inconveniently impeded. The drainage is most satisfactory, water is abundant, and its quality excellent.

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"Every day in 'typical Ramsgate weather' the residents might join in the opening chorus of 'Masaniello':—'Behold! Behold! how brightly breaks the morning!' with perfect truth. So they can at Westgate, only they 'll have to dance and clap their hands as well. On these mornings, the colour of the sea is as bright a blue as that of the Mediterranean, and the rippling waves glitter in the golden sunlight. I have frequently been disappointed with the colour of the Mediterranean: but, not expecting so much from the Channel, I have never been disappointed with the sea at Ramsgate. And then, what variety! What changes in the scene are effected by the cloud-shifters! For the invalid there are the promenades of the West and East Cliff, the Marina, the East and West Pier, and round about the harbour, always amusing, with its shipping in the outer and inner basin, the different yachts, the foreign fishing-boats, the picturesque costumes of sailors of many nationalities; on the quay there is the bustling life of a seaport town in miniature, and the view of Ramsgate from the end of either pier is of a quaint irregularly-built town, which for the most part has preferred to remain old-fashioned and comfortable, and has very little to show on its sea-front, at all events, of the work of the cheap and vulgar villa builder. There are plenty of comfortable old-fashioned hostelries, which like to call themselves hotels, but are 'inns;' and on the East Cliff is the now well-known Granville Hotel, 'all of the modern type,' with every luxury and comfort, its billiard-rooms, reading-rooms, lawn-tennis courts, and baths of every description.

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"If I were a moderately-endowed Crœsus, I would rather possess an estate at Ramsgate on the West Cliff, with wood, lawn, garden, and a beautiful view of the sea (the exact spot was picked out years ago by Welby Pugin, and is still vacant—O the lucky chance!) than be fixed to any other part of England; and, failing this, I would be somewhere in the island—say, in the neighbourhood of Quex, which sounds rather like Central Africa—thorough country, with plenty of fine old timber, open fields, winter galloping to your heart's content, and within an easy walk, or easier drive, of Westgate Station and of most of the principal places in the island."

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Cross-Country Running at Walthamstow.—The first open cross-country handicap which has taken place this season was held last Saturday afternoon, at Walthamstow, by the Tower Rowing and Athletic Club. Of the 128 men who had entered only a very small proportion failed to compete. Unfortunately, a very heavy west wind prevailed, and considerably increased the difficulties and dangers of the course; in fact, S. Thomas, the Southern Counties champion, who started from scratch, sustained a rather severe fall in consequence. The winner proved to be G. H. Pizey, Tower A.C., 3 min. 50 sec. start, who got home in the handicap time of 31 min. 20 sec., eight seconds in advance of J. H. Pew, Spartan Harriers, 3 min. 40 sec. start, who was second; whilst F. J. Chandler, another Spartan, 2 min. 50 sec. start, was third, two seconds only from his fellow-clubman. W. J. Monk, of the Spartan, who received 1 min. 10 sec. start, and who finished twenty-first, in 32 min. 35 sec., took the prize for the fastest time.

London Amateur Athletics are in the full fling of their festive dinner and smoking concerts season. The Holborn Restaurant, deservedly in high favour for their banquets under the ever-assiduous direction of Mr. Hamp, who has just completed thirty years' experience as a restaurateur, has been the scene of several feasts of amateur clubs, among the most successful being the gatherings of Messrs. Maple's crack runners and cricketers, and the genial muster of the Upper Norwood Athenæum Ramblers, who are remarkably chirrupy explorers. Mr. W. J. Innes, a genial and hearty sportsman, on Monday night took the chair at the dinner of the Surrey United Rowing Club, held at Anderton's Hotel.

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JOHN BRIGHT.

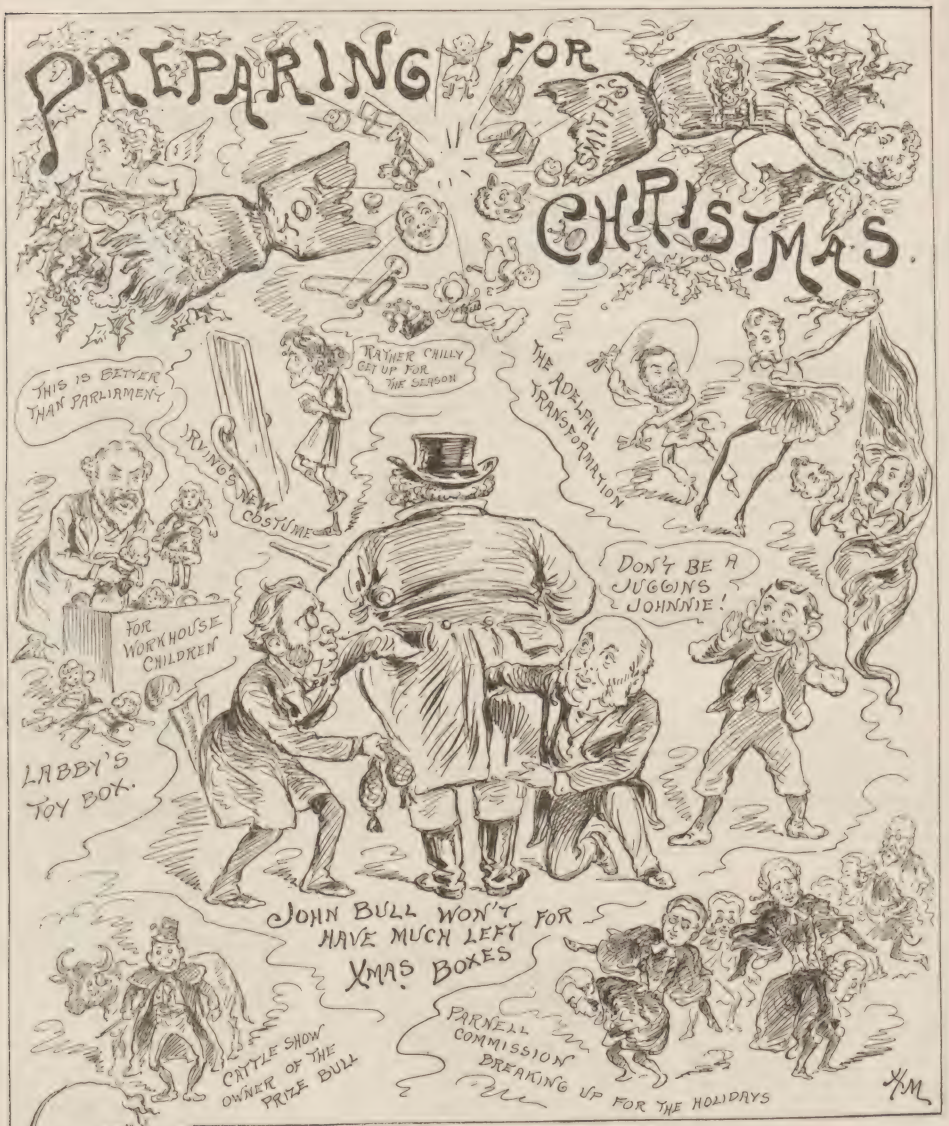
The name of John Bright is enshrined in the heart of every Briton who knows the immeasurable value of his labours to enfranchise the People, politically and fiscally. The well-loved "Tribune" is here sketched as he used to be seen in the lobby or social rooms of the House of Commons—among the most sociable and most deservedly-popular of M.P.'s. The venerated and venerable Statesman has richly earned the warm general regard evinced by the solicitous and sympathetic inquiries which the Queen and the Prince and Princess of Wales have repeatedly made by telegraph as to his progress on his sick-bed, where he has so long been prostrated by his bronchial attack.

We read with deep anxiety of the shivering fit Mr. Bright had on Sunday. Happily, the dangerous symptoms from which Mr. Bright then suffered passed away as the night advanced, and rest and sleep came to his relief. The comforting repose lasted for several hours. Dr. Hayle made his usual evening visit to One Ash at half-past seven on Monday evening, and after making a thorough examination of the patient, whom he had not seen since eleven in the morning, reported that he had had a fairly good day, and was gaining a little strength. The state of the lungs was a little better.

At ten a correspondent was informed that Mr. Bright was rallying very nicely. His cough was better, and he seemed to be regaining strength, and to be better in many respects. He was also more cheerful and talkative. Mr. Bright was also said to be progressing fairly on Tuesday morning.

The Liberal Associations of Birmingham and Rochdale were naturally prompt to convey their heartiest wishes for Mr. Bright's recovery. The Grand Council of the Birmingham Conservative Association on Monday night passed unanimously a resolution of sympathy with Mr. John Bright in his illness; and also warmly congratulated Mr. Joseph Chamberlain on his marriage with Miss Endicott.

A gentleman of Bolton recently wrote to Mr. Gladstone on the subject of his relations with Mr. Bright. Mr. Gladstone replied as follows:—"Sir,—None but the best and kindliest feelings have at any time, so far as I know, prevailed between Mr. Bright and myself. I am proud to have had, and I hope given, very recent proof of it.—Yours faithfully, W. E. Gladstone."



THE SHOWMAN.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—

Christmas is coming, and no mistake. Christmas is in the air. King Fog heralds the glad season. True for ye! But in the City streets, ye may already see the lean, wrinkled visage of each avaricious Scrooge begin to relax, as who should say, "For once in a twelvemonth, I'll open my heart to Pity, and brighten the poor hearth of everyone who serves me. 'Tis only once a year!" Yes; the Cattle Show fairly ushers in what I, for one, sincerely trust will be a good, generous, hospitable, and right Merry Christmas for all the genial souls who patronise this Show, which is dedicated to the best interests of the People. Aren't the London hoardings bright and gay with the piquant Cupid springing from Tom Smith's "Crackers"? Ah, a right cheery Father Christmas is big-hearted Tom Smith! He is sprinkling heaps of surprise bonbons for the regiments of children who will presently be trooping gleefully Home for the Holidays, and who will find keenest enjoyment in the pulling of Tom Smith's "crackers" at Christmas feasts, in the sight of the miniature Baldwins prepared for their amusement (bless 'em!), and who will roar at the novel masquerade head-dresses devised by this really good old Father Christmas. Pray cast your eyes also at the dazzling array of Christmas toys in the alluring shop-window of Mr. Cremer, jun., Regent-street; and acknowledge Cremer to be King of Toys. The *crême de la crême* at Crémer's!

No; John Bull won't have much left for Christmas Boxes, I fear. But he'll do his level best. Mr. Smith and Mr. Goschen—the Treasury guardians of Parliament—have relieved J. B. of as much as they can in the House of Commons. But they have one check in Lord Randolph Churchill (off in the New Year to ramble over kind-hearted Colonel North's South American "Tom Tiddler's Ground" in the jovial company of the "Nitrate King"). In the words of Mephisto-Lounen, in the Gaiety "Faust up to Date," Lord Randolph roguishly sings of his late colleagues:—

They may wriggle, they may struggle,
But I've got 'em in my eye;
And I'll have 'em; yes, I'll have 'em,
I shall have 'em by-and-by.

Grand reappearance of Mr. Labouchere, M.P.,

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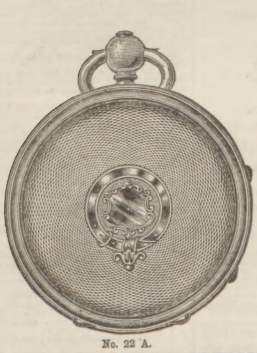

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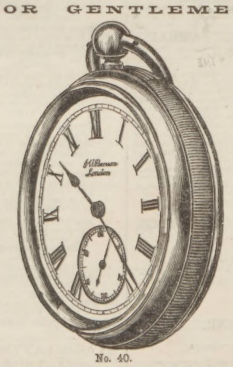

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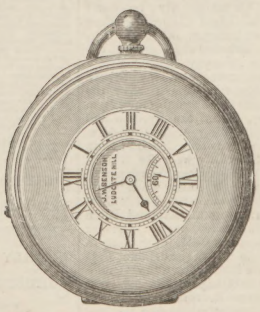

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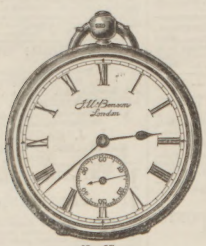

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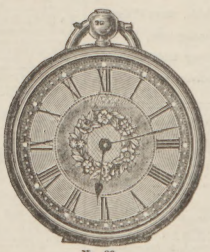

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in his Christmas part of Santa Claus! Much as the orthodox member for Northampton relishes chaffing the Ministry and all its works, depend upon't Labby in his heart of hearts prefers the rôle of Good Samaritan, and delights to cheer the drooping spirits of the London Workhouse and Hospital children with gifts of dolls and toys. Twig him packing a box? By-the-way, our friend Tom Smith has given 22,000 "crackers" to the *Touch* Toy Bazaar. Well done!

Christmas Cattle-Show! I've admired this week the Prize Jubilee Beauties at Islington, where this Showman's watchword is applied to each Fat Lady: "You may touch—but mustn't tickle!" I also interviewed the Champion Devon, and like the evenness of his fat mightily; but don't think the Smithfield Club Judges had any sense of humour, otherwise they would have awarded chief prize to the owner of the champion Irish "Bull," bedad! Returning to the Strand (where in the day-time I envy the healthy cheeks of the young men from the country), I find the Lyceum and Adelphi resounding with Christmas preparations. "Tis true, Friend Irving finds the kilt chilly wear for winter. But, none the less, rely on having plenty of warmth and pageantry and "go" in the coming grand revival of "Macbeth," with Irving himself and Ellen Terry in the chief parts. Further west, the Brothers Gatti (ever doing a roaring trade at the Adelaide Restaurant) have hauled down the "Union Jack" at the Adelphi; and my good friends George R. Sims and Henry Pettitt are busily rehearsing the gay fandango for their new Anglo-Mexican Adelphi melodrama. Success to it and to all concerned!

Break up of the Parnell Commission for the Christmas Holidays! Well, that is such a joyous release that I must crave your indulgence for ending with yet another merry stave from "Faust Up to Date"—namely, a verse from "Ballyhooly" Robert Martin's lively "Enniscorthy":—

When the judges came to hear it, for M'Carthy they did sind,
And at the Parnell Commission thin they could him to attind.
Says Sir Charles, when he did see him, "Here, Sir Richard, who's your frind?"
Says he, "Your sowl to glory; it's M'Carthy."
Thin he gets upon the table. Says M'Carthy,
"Plase the pigs,
I think it's fun you're wanting here; I'll take you steps and jigs."
So the lawyers threw away their briefs, the judges left their wigs,
And footed it like divils round M'Carthy.

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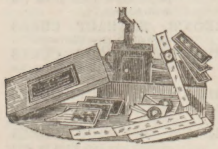

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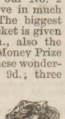

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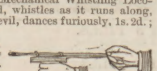

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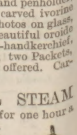

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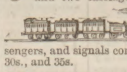

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